

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION**

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 5:19-CV-102-FL

BUDDY ALLEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ABB INC. SEVERANCE PLAN, ABB  
INC. ACTIVE EMPLOYEE GROUP  
BENEFIT PLAN, AND ABB INC.,

Defendants.

**ORDER ON JOINT  
MOTION FOR COURT-HOSTED  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

This matter comes before the Court on the joint motion of all parties for a court-hosted settlement conference in lieu of private mediation. Having considered the motion, the Court finds that it should be GRANTED.

The parties shall engage in a court-hosted settlement conference in lieu of private mediation. The Court hereby assigns United States Magistrate Judge Robert T. Numbers, II as the judicial officer to preside over the court-hosted settlement conference. The parties shall contact the Clerk's Office to schedule the settlement conference for a time prior to the close of discovery.

This the 25th day of July, 2019.



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LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge